

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/775,530

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1-20 are provisionally withdrawn, and Claims 21-34 are currently pending. No new matter was added.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present invention was subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 § U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-20, drawn to a process for removing a contaminant from a fluid, classified in class 210, subclass 662.

Group II: Claims 21-34, drawn to a system comprising a catalyst and an adsorbent, classified in class 210, subclass 286.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II / claims 21-34 with traverse, for examination in this application.

In addition, an election of species was also required:

- (1) Temperature;
- (2) Time period.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects (1) temperature as the species, with traverse, for examination in this application. Claims 21-24, 26-28, 30-34 readable on the elected species.

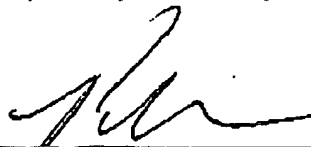
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment was made to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement and election of species and reserves the right to reintroduce the claims and species that were not provisionally elected upon the allowance of a generic claim.

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If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,



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